

TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 11461/4
Serial No. 10/693,119	Filing Date October 24, 2003	Examiner	Group Art Unit
Inventor(s) Michael Martin			
Title of Invention APPARATUS FOR MAINTAINING MAGNETS IN OPPOSING RELATIONSHIP, AND SUPPORT SURFACE THAT UTILIZES SAME			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Information Disclosure Statement (in dupl.); PTO Form 1449.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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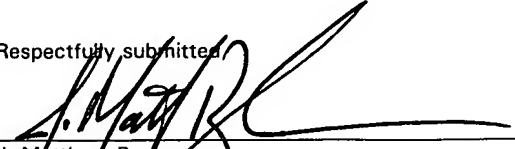
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra
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Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9 =	
x 43 =	
+ \$145 =	
Total add'l fee	\$

Other Than Small Entity	
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x \$18 =	
x \$86 =	
+ \$290 =	
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and

made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

No.	Date	Name
4,585,282	4/29/1986	Bosley
6,261,515	7/17/2001	Ren, et al.
6,302,939	10/16/2001	Rabin, et al.
6,319,334	11/20/2001	Ohashi, et al.


In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 10/161,263, filed June 3, 2002 and is relied upon for an earlier filing dated under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) only copies of documents not previously cited and submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior application Serial No. 10/161,263 are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

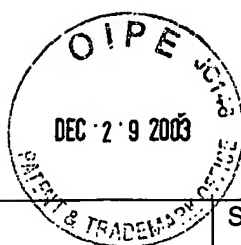
Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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REFERENCE DESIGNATION			U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS			
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